

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application and for indicating that claims 4-15, 17-24, 29-32, 34, and 41-51 contain allowable subject matter.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-53 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 25, 33, 36-40, and 52-53 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 25, 33, and 40.

Double Patenting Rejection(s)

Claims 1-2, 27, 35-38, and 53 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2, 6-7, 9 of U.S. Patent No. 7,305,025 ("’025 Patent"). Also, claims 1, 3, 16, 25-28, 33, 36-40, and 52-53 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 10-11, 24, 26, 33-34, and 38 of U.S. Patent No. 7,054,358 ("’358 Patent").

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), the undersigned encloses herewith a terminal disclaimer with respect to the ’025 Patent and the ’358 Patent, rendering these rejections moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 4-15, 17-24, 29-32, 34, and 41-51 stand objected to as being dependent from the rejected base claims. In view of the terminal disclaimer filed herewith for the independent claims, withdrawal of this the objection is respectfully requested. Thus, all the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 02008/092002).

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